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TITLE OF INVENTION: IMAGE COMBINATION DEVICE, IMAGE COMBINATION METHOD, IMAGE COMBINATION PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR COMBINING IMAGES HAVING AT LEAST PARTIALLY SAME BACKGROUND

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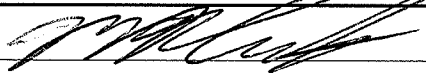
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